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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, which includes claims 1, 4-5, 7 and 9, for continued examination without traverse. An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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